

**May 4-6, 2013**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

**Midland Daily News: Young thanks community for Law Day support**

Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. writes "On behalf of the Michigan Supreme Court, I thank the people of the Midland community for the hospitality you extended to my fellow justices, Michigan Supreme Court staff, and me when the court held oral argument in Midland on April 17."

*Full story*

**The Detroit News: State court won't hear appeal, workers' same-sex partners keep health care**

"The Michigan Supreme Court has refused to hear an appeal by Attorney General Bill Schuette, letting stand the Michigan Civil Service Commission's policy of providing health care benefits to same-sex partners of state employees."

*Full story*

**Also see:**

**Oakland County Legal News: Partner benefits stand for workers as court passes on hearing case**

*Full story*

**The Detroit News: Former justice alleges Michigan Supreme Court misconduct in forthcoming book**

"Details of the infamous feud between Republican-nominated Michigan Supreme Court justices and flamboyant Democratic attorney Geoffrey Fieger is one of many allegations of judicial misconduct in a book by former Justice Elizabeth Weaver due out later this month."

*Full story*

**Also see:**

**Crain's Detroit Business: RUMBLINGS: Retired justice takes Supreme swipe at court**

*Full story*

**Detroit Legal News: Ex-chief justice writes book about state high court**

*Full story*

**Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.**

**Detroit Free Press: Appeals Court: Troy doesn't own land where transit center is being built**

"A state Appeals Court has ruled in favor of a developer who says Troy must give back land the developer donated for a transit center because the city failed to get the project funded within the donation's 10-year deadline."

*Full story*

**Also see:**

**The Detroit News: Appeals court deals Troy setback in transit center dispute**

*Full story*

**Crain's Detroit Business: Grand/Sakwa can weigh its options on Troy land after court victory**

*Full story*

## **The Oakland Press: Appeals court: Troy doesn't own transit center land**

*Full story*

## **Detroit Free Press: Rochelle Riley: Where are the female candidates?**

Columnist Rochelle Riley writes "... With [Debbie] Dingell out of the [Senate] race, there apparently will be no women in it. Is this where we're headed? 'I would love to see more people focused on developing women candidates on both sides of the aisle for the benefit of all of us,' said state Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack, who declined to discuss politics but gladly discussed leadership."

*Full story*

## **Detroit Free Press: Push to fix Michigan justice system flaw continues after violations uncovered**

"... Now advocates and counties are cautiously optimistic that lawmakers could send the governor a plan [to fix Michigan's indigent defense] after one stalled last year in the Republican-led Senate. In the backdrop is a 6-year-old lawsuit — still pending — that was filed against the state on behalf of defendants in Berrien, Muskegon and Genesee counties."

*Full story*

### **Also see:**

## **The Detroit News: Push continues to fix Michigan's indigent defense**

*Full story*

## **Associated Press: Push continues to fix Mich.'s indigent defense**

*Full story*

## **The Detroit News: 9-inch copter lands in arms of Ohio court statue**

"An unwanted modern addition has flown into the arms of a Lady Justice statue that sits atop a county courthouse in north-central Ohio. A 9-inch, remote-control helicopter flew into Lady Justice on the Marion County Courthouse on April 27 and has been there since — resting on the hilt of her sword more than 100 feet high."

*Full story*

## **Associated Press: High court not ready to give right-to-work opinion**

"The Michigan Supreme Court still hasn't decided to offer its view on the state's right-to-work law.... The court on Friday asked the state's solicitor general, John Bursch, to weigh in on Gov. Rick Snyder's 3-month-old request to settle the legality of a law that drew thousands of protesters to the Capitol last year."

*Full story*

**Note: The article also ran in the Macomb Daily and the Traverse City Record-Eagle.**

### **Also see:**

## **SBM Blog: Michigan Supreme Court Order On Right To Work Advisory Opinion Hints At Split Over Fundamental Question**

*Full story*

## **Detroit Legal News: Judge Sabaugh holds special court session at Lincoln High School**

"37th District Court Judge Matthew P. Sabaugh presided over a special court session at Lincoln High School in Warren May 3. The 37th District Court received approval from the State Court Administrator's office to hear cases off-site at local schools. Judge Sabaugh began holding court in schools more than four years ago as part of his mission to create public awareness of the court system."

*Full story*

### **Detroit Legal News: 36th District Court celebrates Law Day with free legal advice (second article)**

"In celebration of the 56th Annual Law Day, the 36th District Court will again offer free legal advice to the general public. On Thursday May 9 and Friday May 10 from 1–4 p.m., in the Jury Room # 218, local attorneys will volunteer their time to answer legal questions in a variety of areas including real estate, traffic, family law, contracts, landlord-tenant, collections, bankruptcy, child support and probate."

*Full story*

### **Detroit Legal News: Music legends to perform at foster children's charity event on June 1**

"Internationally-renowned music legends Sean Blackman and Wayne Gerard's current project, Sin Hielo, and the very popular metro-Detroit area band Emerging Soul have agreed to perform at an upcoming June 1 event to benefit foster children."

*Full story*

### **Jackson County Legal News: Marcia Smith honored for outstanding service**

"The Jackson County Bar Association awarded the Liberty Bell Award to Marcia Smith, director of Jackson County Guardian Services, a program of Family Services and Children's Aid.... As an officer of the Michigan Guardian Association, which lobbies for legislation reform, Smith can be found in probate court on a daily basis."

*Full story*

### **Kalamazoo Gazette: Michigan Court of Appeals stops resentencing of Leo Terlisner in 1970s Van Buren County murder case**

"A resentencing of Leo Terlisner, who had his 1977 murder conviction overturned in March by a Van Buren County judge, has been put on hold by the Michigan Court of Appeals. In an order issued last week, the appellate court granted an application for leave to appeal filed by the Michigan Attorney General."

*Full story*

***Also see:***

### **Oakland County Legal News: Court stops hearing for Mich. convicted killer**

*Full story*

### **Lansing State Journal: Art gallery event helps Lansing foster children find voice, families**

"Da'Shawn would love to be a rock-star when he grows up, but there is one thing he wants more than anything — to find his forever family.... Da'Shawn and seven other foster children participated in the third St. Vincent Catholic Charities art gallery event called 'What we really need' held at the Absolute Art Gallery in Old Town."

*Full story*

***Also see:***

### **City Pulse/Lansing: Fostering hope: Art exhibit heightens awareness of teenagers in foster care system**

*Full story*

### **WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing: Exhibit Showcases Artwork Of Children Waiting To Be Adopted**

*Full story*

### **The Macomb Daily: Macomb prosecutor continues parole board challenges as they fall statewide**

"The mother of Grant Fremont's child rape victim fears his release from prison but is glad Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith continued his role as the most active challenger to parole board releases in Michigan.... Fremont's case is one of at least 22 challenges to Parole Board decisions by Smith since January 2010, likely the highest number by any individual prosecution in Michigan."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune.**

### **Midland Daily News: Midland County jury questionnaires in the mail**

"Midland County Clerk Ann Manary said [last] week that 6,000 Midland County residents will be receiving a 'Juror Qualification Questionnaire' in the mail.... Residents are required by law to fill out the qualifying questionnaire and return it to the County Clerk's Office no later than 10 days from the date of receipt. Out of the 6,000 questionnaires mailed out, about half of the people will actually be summoned to serve."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Justices decline appeal of Democrats in vote dispute**

"The Michigan Supreme Court isn't hearing the appeal of Democratic lawmakers who claim the GOP didn't count their votes. In a unanimous order released last Thursday, justices said they weren't persuaded they should review the case."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Lansing State Journal: Editorial: Court's unanimity is encouraging**

[Full story](#)

**\*\* The article is available by subscription only.**

### **Press & Guide/Dearborn: Dearborn students honored as winners of 2013 Law Day essay contest**

"Judges of the 19th District Court joined students Wednesday at the courthouse to celebrate the 55th anniversary of Law Day, which helps Americans remember the importance of the rule of law. Chief Judge Sam Salamey, Judge Mark Somers, and Rotary Club of Dearborn President Hassen Hammoud presented awards honoring the winners of the 2013 Law Day student essay contest."

[Full story](#)

### **The Times Herald/Port Huron: Ylen charged with six felonies in Sanilac County**

"... Officials said [Sara] Ylen reported she was sexually assaulted while in St. Clair County, but said the attack happened in Sanilac County.... [James] Grissom was prosecuted and convicted of sexually assaulting Ylen in 2003.... Following the conviction, investigators in Michigan, California and Colorado determined Ylen had reported she had been sexually assaulted in other instances but could not substantiate those crimes. Charges against Grissom were dropped after the Michigan Supreme Court granted Grissom a new trial after learning of the unsubstantiated claims."

[Full story](#)

### **WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Women say they went to local sobriety leader for help, instead say they found trouble**

"Recovery homes are supposed to be safe havens for addicts to heal after they get out of rehab. But instead of helping addicts rebuild their lives, a local sobriety leader is accused by several women of preying on them. He's been hailed as a saint in the recovery community. Just two months ago, Mark Burchell won the Michigan Drug Court Hero Award."

[Full story](#)